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1. IN LENGTHY ARTICLE APPEARING IN MAY 29 ISSUE OF
"PRAVDA" ENTITLED "OPERATION 'HUMAN RIGHTS,'" VLADIMIR
BOL'SHAKOV BRANDED CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S STANCE ON
HUMAN RIGHTS AS MERE "FRONT" FOR WELL-ORCHESTRATED, LONG-
TERM IDEOLOGICAL OFFENSIVE AGAINST SOVIET UNION AND OTHER
SOCIALIST COUNTRIES (SEE REFTEL). ALSO OF NOTE WAS
BOL'SHAKOV'S ASSERTION THAT U.S. PROPAGANDA/INFORMATION
SYSTEM HAS BEEN REORGANIZED IN EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN
"PSYCHOLOGICAL WAR" AGAINST COMMUNISM. AMONG STEPS PRESENT
ADMINISTRATION HAS TAKEN ALLEGEDLY FOR THIS
PURPOSE ARE FUNDING OF ADDITIONAL TRANSMITTERS FOR RL/RFE
AND VOA, AND REORGANIZATION OF USIA/CU. BOL'SHAKOV SEES
ICA REORGANIZATION AND NEW EMPHASIS ON "OPEN INTELLIGENCE"
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FEEDBACK FROM ABROAD (I.E. HOW U.S. AND ITS POLICIES ARE
PERCEIVED BY OTHER COUNTRIES) AS RELATED TO ESTABLISHMENT
WITHIN CIA OF CENTER FOR EVALUATING FOREIGN INFORMATION.
SOMEHOW, THIS PROVES TO BOL'SHAKOV THAT "TRADITIONAL TIES
BETWEEN THE CIA AND USIA HAVE EVIDENTLY BEEN PRESERVED IN
ICA."

2. COMMENT. MAJOR THRUST OF BOL'SHAKOV'S ARGUMENT IS THAT CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY AND CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN SOVIET UNION ARE ONLY AN IDEOLOGICAL WEAPON WITHOUT BASIS IN EITHER MORAL CONVICTION OR REALITY. AS LEADING ENUNCIATORS TO SOVIET PUBLIC OF HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY, IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT VOA, ICA, AND THE MUNICH STATIONS COME IN FOR HARD KNOCKS FROM BOL'SHAKOV (WHO HAS DISHED OUT A FEW IN THE PAST SIMILAR TO THIS LATEST EFFORT). NEITHER IS HIS ALLUSION TO LINKS BETWEEN ICA AND CIA NEW. HIS STRIDENT TONE, HOWEVER, SERVES AS ONE MORE INDICATION OF DEPTH OF SOVIET CONCERN OVER SO-CALLED U.S. PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN.
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